(क) क्या उन्हें किसी संसद सदस्य से दिनांक 14 मई, 1993 का कोई पत्र मिला है, जिसमें जिला आजमगढ़, उत्तर प्रदेश के थाना सरायमीर के विरुद्ध शिकायत की गई थी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर अब तक क्या क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) मामले की जांच पुलिस सर्किल अधिकारी, आजमगढ़ द्वारा की गयी थी । पुलिस अधिकारियों के खिलाफ लगाए गए आरोप सही नहीं पाए गए ।

Sales Tax pending in Delhi

2914. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of Sales Tax pending collection in Delhi and the date from which it is due;

(b) the reasons for its non collection in time and the steps taken to realise the same ;

(c) the number of cases of fraud and evasion of tax which have come to the notice of authorities and the money involved in each case ;

(d) the number of appeals pending with the Appellate Authorities and since when these are pending with the total amount involved therein; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite the finalisation of these appeals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that as on 30-6-1993, Sales Tax dues amounting to Rs. 1279.28 crores were pending in respect of different assessment years.

(b) Out of these Sales Tax dues of Rs. 1279.28 crores, Rs. 446.40 crores are under stay orders of Appellate Authorities/Courts while Rs. 121.74 crores are under rectification. Various measures have been taken to improve recovery. Zonal Recovery Cells have been restructured and fortified. Efforts have been intensified to nab big defaulters. Photographs of some major defaulters have been published in newspapers seeking information about their whereabouts. As many as 56 defaulters were sent to jail during 1992-93 for non-payment of dues. Numerous steps have been taken to expedite disposal of appeals. The Assessing Authorities have been advised to dispose of rectification applications expeditiously.

(c) During the year 1992-93, incriminating documents hinting at massive evasion of Sales Tax were seized in 192 cases. In 164 cases misutilisation of statutory forms were detected.

(d) As on 30 June 93, 56,116 appeals (including revision applications) were pending with different Appellate Authorities.

(e) Departmental Appellate Authorities have been urged to dispose of appeals instituted upto 31-3-1991. Appellant-dealers have been asked to cooperate with the Appellate Authorities so as to ensure expeditious disposal of their appeals.

राजस्थान में महिलाओं की बिक्री

2915. श्री शांति त्यागी : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 8 जुलाई, 1993 के "नवभारत टाइम्स" में प्रकाशित जयपुर से संबंधित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें कहा गया है कि राजस्थान के डहौती और सवाई माधोपुर क्षेत्रों में मीणा जाति की महिलाओं को गाय-बकरियों की तरह बेचा जाता है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस अमानवीय और अनैतिक धन्धे को तत्काल समाप्त करने के लिए अब तक क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं अथवा उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. एम. सईद) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् । समाचार सबसे पहले नवभारत टाईम्स के जयपुर संस्करण में 2 जुलाई, 1993 को प्रकाशित हुआ ।

(ख) राज्य सरकार का ध्यान समाचार में निहित सूचना की ओर दिलाया गया है और उनसे, उपयुक्त जांच करने के बाद आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने के लिए कहा गया है ।

Replacement of Black Cat for VIP Security

2916. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to replace "Black Cats" by Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) for VIP Security;

(b) what are the names of the VIPs provided